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1. The Geza Sino Works, the largest furniture factory in Rumania, is located at Strada Fabricilor No. 35, Tarou Lures. It covers an area of approximately ten acres and employs about 80 office personnel and 1,000 workers on a single eight-hour shift. Workers are on "piece-rates." The factory is a State enterprise, manufacturing mainly standard items for general use. It belongs to the Ministry of Timber Industries and was established in 1949. The required machinery was nationalized and requisitioned in all the other factories and workshops at Tarou Lures, site of the new factory, and special buildings were erected to house it. As a result, most of the machinery is old. The most important pieces came from the former Szekely and Rety factory.

2. The factory organization is as follows:

a. Management.

- (1) General Manager
- (2) Technical Manager
- (3) Chief Accountant

b. Special Technical Adviser.

c. Administrative Sections.

- (1) Staff
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3. The factory is equipped with:

- a. Three timber drying sheds, fitted with perforated pipes through which hot air is pumped. The air is heated and pumped in by special furnaces.

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- b. A machine shed, containing ten straight saws, ten circular saws, ten machines for planing plywood, ten machines for adjusting sizes, ten milling machines, ten drilling machines, ten machines for join-slits, ten "Oberfräuser," and special equipment for absorbing and removing sawdust. All of this machinery is old, except for some of the "Oberfräuser," which bear a Russian trademark, but come from Finland. Each machine has a separate electric motor. Power is obtained from the municipal power station.
 - c. An assembly shed, where the sections cut in the machine shed are assembled by hand.
 - d. A polishing shed, where completed pieces from the assembly shed are polished by hand.
 - e. Auxiliary installations, including a railway siding, connected with the main line, and an internal trolley line.
4. Raw materials are obtained with difficulty and not always in sufficient quantities.
- a. Furniture for local use is made of plywood only. Reinforced panels are either exported directly to Russia or used for the manufacture of furniture for export. Veneers and plywood come from the following three factories:
 Deta (formerly Prohasca) at Timisoara,
 Curesti at Ramnicu Sarat,
 Baile Sarate at Ramnicu-Sarat,
 but only substandard plywoods are allocated for local use.
 - b. The timber supplied for local furniture is of quality six, and occasionally of quality five (sic). Trees are cut for this purpose when only 10 - 12 years old, instead of 25 - 30 years, as was the normal practice. The wood is green and loses half its weight when dried.
 - c. Raw timber comes from the Tarou Mures IPEIL (Intreprinderea Pentru Exploatarea Industriala a Lemnului - the Enterprise for the Industrial Exploitation of Timber).
 - d. Glue comes from the Larasesti factory in Bucharest. It is very difficult to obtain, because practically the entire output goes to Russia. There is a very small glue factory at Cluj, and another is being built at Bucharest.
 - e. All shellac is imported from England. Two and a half years ago a consignment of ten tons was obtained. About a year later another two or three tons were imported of which the Ceza Simo factory received 1,100 kgs. Of this about 100 - 200 kgs. remain, and this is reserved for use on export products. For home use, a local substitute called ICEF, manufactured by a chemical factory at Tarou Mures from pine resin, is being used. It is of poor quality.
5. Presently in production are:
- a. Standard Sets. These consist of a wardrobe, a table, a bed and a pedestal. Production: 100 a day.
 - b. Special orders. There are two different types of chests of drawers exported to Russia.

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6. The cost price of a set of standard furniture is 4,000 lei, but the set is sold by the factory at 12,000 lei to cover indirect taxes. The purchaser is Comleam (Selling Organization of the Ministry of Inland Trade), which sells the set to the public for 17,000 lei, the difference covers its own profit and further taxes.
7. Repairs are only carried out with the greatest difficulty, as evidenced by the following examples:
 - a. When a small steel plate was required for the repair of one of the machines, the factory applied to DGAR (Supply and Allocation Department of the Ministry of Light Industries). This department had no steel, and instructed the factory to apply to Bohler-Stahl and Wereini Stahl Werke located at Rue Bursel, Bucharest, a former German factory, now taken over by the Soviets. The Soviets also had no steel. The plate was finally obtained from the Vulcan factory at Bucharest.
 - b. The factory was instructed to apply to the Electra cooperative in Bucharest for the repair of two transformers. It took six weeks until the cooperative could obtain four meters of oiled cloth to make the repairs.
8. Source mentioned the following persons connected with the factory:
 - a. Farcaș - Head of Supply Section - 35, medium height, slender, brown hair.
 - b. Gerely - Head of Technical Section - 40, medium height, slender, brown hair.
 - c. Andrei Heritz - Technical Manager - 40, medium height, dark. Organized the factory. Went to Russia to attend a special training course.
 - d. Maryari - General Manager - 40, tall and thin, fair hair.
 - e. Papai - Chief Accountant - 50, medium height, dark, lame.
 - f. Stralca - Head of Personnel Section - 50, medium height, grey hair.
 - g. Szabo - Head of Production Section - 45, tall, bald.
 - h. Sekely - Head of Planning - 40, medium height, dark.

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